

also of note is the canon removing from the communion of the faithful all those engaged in calling connected with the arena or the stage,« as charioteers, jockeys, actors, pantomimists, and like, as long as they continue in professions which the eyes of the Church, tend to the subversion of public morals; the canon which excommunicates those of the clergy who practised usury, and canon exhorting those whose wives had been unfaithful not to marry again, as they were legally entitled to do, during the lifetime of their guilty partner; If the Council of Aries was exceptionally fruitful in respect of new rules passed for the improvement of ecclesiastical discipline, it proved an entire failure in its primary object, that of putting an end to Donatist schism. The African malcontents still refused to acknowledge Caecilianus and had the frontier to appeal to Constantine for yet another investigation. As the bishops of the West \ obstinately prejudiced against them, they desired the Emperor to be gracious enough to take charge of the enquiry himself. Constantine did not conceal his anger in the important letter which he addressed to the bishops at Aries, thanking them for their labours and giving them leave to return to their homes. He wrote;

" Certainly I cannot describe or enumerate the blessing which God in His heavenly bounty has bestowed on me, His servant. I rejoice exceedingly, therefore, after this most just enquiry you have recalled to my hope and future those whom the malignity of the I